



**Regular Meeting of Council #1  
January 19, 2021**

**MINUTES**

***PRESENT:***

**Deputy Mayor Curtis Buckle  
Councillor Kevin Costello  
Councillor Kim Ghaney  
Councillor Jim Joy  
Councillor Sadie King  
Councillor Roger Myette**

***STAFF:***

**Gary Corbett, CAO  
Christa Turnbull, Exe. Assistant**

**REGRETS:**

**Mayor Gary Goobie**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**21-01-001**

**Ghaney/Joy**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to adopt the agenda as presented.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES from December 22, 2020 as presented**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING from December 22, 2020**

n/a

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Erica Fewer- Thank you to the Town of Holyrood for scholarship 2020
- b. Holy Cross Parish- Thanks to the town for the donation to the Christmas hamper project

**5. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**a. Permit Listing**

**21-01-002**

**Costello/Ghaney**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to table and approve the permit listing from 12-0312-20 to 01-0314-21 from December 14, 2020 to January 11, 2021.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**b. Costello/Joy**

**21-01-003**

Location: 26 Harbour View Drive

Zoning: RMD

Proposal: Residential

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the above application, in principle, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**6. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS**

**a. Update**

We held our first committee meeting last Tuesday. In attendance was Councillor Costello, Gary Corbett, Robert Stacey and myself. Last year we held many meetings which were very positive and productive. I thank members of the committee for their valued input and recommendations brought forward on improving and upgrading new infrastructure which will improve quality of service to our residents.

At this meeting we reviewed the status of ongoing/ new projects and sources of funding which will cover the cost of projects. Some of the smaller projects are covered through operating from our annual budget. Larger capital projects such as road upgrade and repaving are

covered through Gas Tax - 100%, at no cost to the town. Others are covered through funding by the provincial / federal government, where the town is responsible for smaller cost share, i.e. 10%. One main focus this year is to make decisions on projects move them through process of approval have engineering completed so projects can start earlier in the year.

- b. Change order for 17-MYCW – 18 – 00051

**Joy/Costello**

**21-01-004**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Holyrood approve the change in Engineering fees associated with the change in scope of work for Project 17-MYCW-18-00051 -Water Improvements. The change in fees increases the fee from \$8,185.44 to \$59,912.49, an increase of \$51,758.05. The change in the scope of work was necessary to accommodate findings from an investigation by engineers, discussions with the Town, and the Groundwater Recourses Division which indicated Well #7 has never had a 72-hour pump test completed as per the Division’s requirements, nor as part of the 2016 permit issued for the well. This pump test is required by the Groundwater Resources Division.

A previous motion approved December 8,2020 identified the starting cost to be \$51,758.05 and the increase to be \$8,185.44 with the total remaining at \$59,912.49. This motion identified the correct increase due to the increase in scope of work but does not change the total end cost of \$59,912.49 for the project.

In Favor- 6

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle

Councillor Costello

Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

- The project is aimed at improving the quantity and quality of the water system in Holyrood.
- The pump test was never completed and is required by Groundwater resources division, as stated in the motion

- Once complete the pump test on well #7 will determine to following:
- What affect (if any) does well number 7 have on well number 5 & 6? Is #7 drilled into the same aquafer as one of the existing wells? This will be determined by shutting down well #5 & #6 during the test and monitoring their water levels during the test period.
- The test will determine the pumping capacity of well #7 that we can input into the system.
- Will also provide a clear picture of what the capacities each of the three wells at the ball field will be able to produce.
- The test will also enable us to determine if well #8 currently not in use, Kennedy's Lane Ext., is on the same aquafer as the ball field wells. Data obtained will determine the potential for reactivation of this well.
- If well #8 can be reactivated, it will eliminate the drilling of a new well.
- Completing the pump test, although required by the Groundwater Resources Division will also provide the town with the information to make the best decision for the town and its residents.
- This is another positive step to improve the reliability, performance and efficiency of our water system infrastructure.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
 Councillor Costello  
 Councillor Ghaney  
 Councillor Joy  
 Councillor King  
 Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**b. Award Country Path Water upgrade**

**21-01-005**

**Joy/Costello**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Holyrood approve the awarding of the Country Path Road Water System Upgrades, Project No. 17-GI-20-00020 - to Eric Taylor Ltd. in the amount of \$372,438.14 (HST included). The bidding process was conducted by Innovative Engineering who received and evaluated a total of 9 bidders on the project. After evaluation of the bids, Eric Taylor Ltd. was the successful bidder.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure issued their approval letter for this award on December 17, 2020 and requested the Town to move forward with their due process in considering the recommendation and moving the project forward.

This award will allow for work to begin in the spring with all necessary approvals in place for an early start to the water upgrade project.

#### Jim's Notes

I'm very pleased to see this project awarded, which is one of several water related projects completed in the past few years. A lot of development on Country Path in recent years and this project will improve water pressure levels overall, thus improving the quality and level of service to residents in the area.

As part of this work, the complete section of the road in the work area will be paved. On past projects, only the section where the excavation took place was repaved. As can be evident in there now, the road is in pretty rough shape, which was caused by the partial pavement after the Abydoz sewer system was installed. As well, there is very poor drainage on this section of road and upgrading of ditching and culverts is also in the works. The complete paving and drainage work will provide for the longer term which will minimize maintenance and other upgrades due to the project.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

## 7. PUBLIC SAFETY

### a. Fire Department

**Myette/Ghaney**

**21-01-006**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Holyrood award the Fire Department upgrade to Mugfords Contracting for a total of \$129,130.00 + HST totaling \$148,499.50. Construction is scheduled to begin April 12, 2021. The project will build an extension to the firehall enabling the

Fire Department to host training sessions required to improve skill development.

Roger- as you know the fire department building goes back to the 70's. It has seen some renovations over the last number of years. Fire department currently has 26 members and need to do in house training and when this happens the vehicles have to be moved outside. Time to build a new training room. This is a step in the right direction for volunteers who need to be trained to be the best volunteers they can be for our residents. Thank you to the Volunteers for all they do.

Costello- The money for these upgrades is coming from the COVID-19 restart funding, not a part of the town's operating budget. Thanks to the fire department members for their continued service.

Buckle- this is great for our town, government funding with no cost to taxpayers.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

## 8. CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Bankbook Balance: \$802.35

b. General Account-

**21-01-007**

**King/Myette**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that accounts as tabled in the amount \$203, 506.71 (D01655 to D01696, and cheque number 41650-41756 be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0  
Abstained-0  
Motion Carried

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Auditor**

**21-01-008**

**King/Joy**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to appoint Clarified Accounting as the Town's Financial Auditors.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0  
Abstained-0  
Motion Carried

**b. Legal Firm**

**21-01-009**

**King/Costello**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to appoint Curtis Dawe as the Town's Legal Firm.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0  
Abstained-0  
Motion Carried

**c. Appeals Commissionaire**

**21-01-010**

**King/Ghaney**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to appoint Mitch Moran as the appeals commissionaire

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**d. Other**

**Ghaney**

In relation to the article in the Shoreline News where there were comments by the Mayor, I would like to express that our views are different from the Mayors. This council fully supported staff throughout this application process and a detailed response will be forthcoming to the public in the days and weeks.

Charlotte Wade has implemented a little free pantry with a tagline- *take what you need, leave what you can*. We all know people who are struggling financially, and even more so during this pandemic. Charlotte took it upon herself to address that need in the most selfless way possible. She reached it to the town to seek approval and placed a pantry in a convenient location in the town. She created a Facebook group, *Holyrood Free Pantry* of which there are already 450 members in a little under a week. The outpouring of support for this initiative has been incredible, and it is evident there is a great need for this in our community. People are donating fresh and non-perishable food items as well as baby items and pet food. Parents are bringing their children to make donations which is fostering a commitment to our community. This is such a heart-warming example of community spirit and Charlotte took this initiative and built the pantry herself and replacing it with a bigger one soon. Thanks Charlotte, a true example of a kind and giving person. Thanks to the residents who are supporting this initiative. Anyone who has the means to do so, please consider donating.

**King**

I was a little bit disappointed by the article in The Shoreline. You didn't have to read very far to see what it was about, all I had to do was read the headline. None of us are here looking through beer goggles. The majority of council did what they thought was best for this town. The first time in all my years that a Mayor did not support a decision of council. The article damaged the staff and the community.

**Joy**

I agree with comments made by Councillor Ghaney and King on the article in the latest edition of The Shoreline News re microbrewery. At

the pre meet on January 12, I suggested we need to inform residents on some aspects of the Brewery Proposal & to clarify on some comments made.

At that time, I was told by the mayor/agreed on, that everything is on hold and nothing can be done until after the appeal is dealt with. Despite this, detail was made in very elaborate form in this week's edition of the Shoreline news. The write up was a mis representation of the facts and the criticism toward staff and council was totally unwarranted and wrong. This certainly is not how the mayor should conduct or report on business of the town.

Very happy to see Mrs. Ellie Veitch of our town celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday yesterday. Lots of horns being honked as drivers went along by her house on Northside Road. She is a lovely lady and a lovely family. Hope she had a wonderful day- God Love her. I wish her good health and happiness in the years ahead.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year with good health and happiness

### **Costello**

Welcome to all our guests in the chamber here tonight. It's great to see everyone concerned and involved in the community.

I attended virtual NEAJC meeting, guest speaker, S/S Rick Tiller- Holyrood detachment is responsible for a large area on the North East Avalon from Marysvale to Holyrood, encompassing a large portion of St. Mary's Bay, Brigus Junction cabin area, Middle Gull Pond cabin area, and parts of the TCH. They also, from time to time, support colleagues in Placentia detachment, which takes them out of the district sometimes. 2,155 calls for service in 2020.

Majority of them were traffic violations. 59 DUI, 321 Break &Enters, 18 firearms related calls, 91 mental health calls, 15 atv related calls. High volume considering the number resources that are stationed at Holyrood detachment.

Following staffing levels are currently at the Holyrood Detachment: 6 constables, 2 officers mental health crisis units- 2 plain clothes officers, 2 officers that transport detainees. The number of calls and allotted number of resources for the size of our area seem really under balanced. They have been fighting for increases in resources for a number of years with no real improvement. The other alarming fact is that Holyrood detachment has not had an increase in funding in 8

years. As we can all appreciate, the world has changed a lot in 8 years and the cost of doing business has increased significantly. They are now asking towns and residents to keep this in mind during this election. The province is not solely responsible but is a major contributor to allotting budgets given to the RCMP district in our area. Need to ask candidates what their stance is on this issue and bring the issue to light. I would ask this be placed the next agenda for discussion and possible support in the form of a letter. Other towns have been asked to do the same or in the process of writing letters. Sometimes we don't appreciate the value of the RCMP until we call upon them in a time of need.

A new initiative that the Town of Holyrood is currently undertaking to properly manage our infrastructure assets, specifically our water distribution system. This new initiative is being spearheaded by Robert Stacey, with help of a third-party asset management consultant. The efforts of the town, specifically the efforts of Robert, have been recently recognized in Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network. Asset Integrity Management outlines the ability for an asset to perform its required function effectively and efficiently while protecting health, safety and the environment. It also endeavors to maintain the assets and fit for service condition while extending its remaining life in most reliable, cost effective manner possible. The asset management plan for the water distribution system will first outline and identify the details, age, expected service life and current condition of every piece of pipe in the ground. Once we have all these identified, we are able to easily identify areas of concerns, what sections of the system need replacing and upgrading and allow for proper planning and budgeting for years to come. Once this system is in place and active, it will require constant updating to ensure it stays accurate. In an effort to get the system off the ground, Robert has been digging through drawings dating back 30-40 years, to paint a complex picture of our system. This is a very important step in allowing Councils to plan capital needs in the future. Just to give everyone an idea of the size of our current system, we have 62.7 km of pipe ranging from 2 inch to 12 inches currently in the ground. This is basically the equivalent to driving to St. Johns from Holyrood and return. In the next few months, we should be at a point where this system can be rolled out to Council and we can use as the basis for the next round of capital funding. The idea of asset management is fairly new to municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador but has been identified as a priority for this council. Planning today will ensure the town is in a position to tackle and respond to future water distribution challenges. I encourage everyone to read this article, they outline a lot of things that is good to know. Good to see work being

highlighted. Look forward to rolling this out and will help us with current water issues and allow us to plan for major capital works in the future.

**Myette**

Thank everyone for coming, it's nice to see a full house here. I too was surprised at the comments made in the shoreline, especially towards our staff regarding the brewery. With appeals in place, nothing should be said. For him to go to the Shoreline and have discussion I don't know what happened, but it shouldn't have happened.

Charlotte Wades initiate with the pantry is a great thing. I will be speaking at the next pre meeting about having a donation to go towards the pantry. I think it would be great for the town to support her with her endeavors. Wish everyone a happy new year.

**Buckle**

I would like to recognize Ellie Veitch on celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Betty Moore, Mayor of Clarkes Beach on the passing of her husband.

Need to be accurate on what is put out in The Shoreline.

**Costello**

I also support council's response to the article in the Shoreline.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

February 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Ghaney/King**

**21-01-011**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this meeting now adjourn.

In Favor- 6

Deputy Mayor Buckle

Councillor Costello

Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

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Mayor

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CAO

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Date

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Date

*Minutes taken by CT*